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MELODY IN YOUR HEART*God has given ⁷³
Worship is giving...*

* Eph. 5:17-21

INT: Worship services at C. of C strangely simple to many of our friends and neighbors visiting for first time.
WHY? Where is the INSTRUMENT OF MUSIC that backs up the singing and keeps them on pitch? Missing!! Why?

I. QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT THIS OMISSION IN OUR WORSHIP.

1. Can't afford? \$1,000,000 property. Could afford inst.
2. Can't play? (How many play or can play some inst?) *WAVE*
3. Don't like inst. music. Then why so many play???????
4. Prefer to be different? Stronger reason than that!!
5. You the ONLY ones who do not use instrument? Greek Or
 (Question is valid. Many neighbors NEVER been to a worship service before where inst. was omitted.)

II. I PETER 3:15 Enters the Discussion here.

- A. We are governed by guiding principles in God's Word.
1. "sanctify the Lord God in hearts." Put God first.
 2. "be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18. Obey!
 3. "love of God...keep commandments." I John 5:3.
 4. "why call me Lord, and do not-say!" Luke 6:46.
- B. PRINCIPLE: We have the infallible Word of God which GUIDES us unto every good work, way and worship.
 II Timothy 3:16-17.

III. BIBLE REASONS WE OMIT THE INSTRUMENT IN WORSHIP.

- A. Law of inclusion and exclusion: When instructions contain all that is DESIRED: all undesirables are automatically EXCLUDED. Undesirables mute.

Example: Lord's Supper.

1. Time: Lord's Day. 1st day. Sunday! Excludes oth
2. Participants: Baptized believers. Excludes other
3. Ingredients: Unleaven bread, fruit of vine. "
4. Manner of partaking: Remembering His death, self examination, and worthily. I Cor. 11:23-29.

CLEAR, SIMPLE, EXPLICIT, EMPHATIC AND EXCLUSIVE.This explanation will satisfy positive thinkers!This explanation given to reach negative thinkers:

"The Lord's Supper may not scripturally be partaken of on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Sat. The Lord's Supper will not benefit the non-Christian in any way, so it is futile and useless for him to partake of it (until he obeys the gospel). A Christian may not partake of the L. S. in a light, frivolous, unthinking, unconcerned, don't care attitude---and be spiritually benefitted either in Heaven or on earth. May not use biscuits, cornbread, graham crackers, soda pop, milk et

Reasons we omit the instrument of music....cont.

B. ALL N. T. SCRIPTURES (in command, example or necessary inference) involve only "melody from the heart"

1. Matt. 26:30. Sang a hymn and went out.
2. Rom. 15:9. Confess...Gentiles...sing...name.
3. I Cor. 14:15. Pray with S & U, sing with S. & U.
4. Heb. 2:12. I will sing praise unto Thee. *church*
5. Heb. 13:15. Sacrifice-praise; fruit of lips.
6. Col. 3:16, 17. Word dwell-teaching. Grace in heart.
7. Eph. 5:18-19. Spirit--Speaking-Making melody.
8. Some observations: *ALL SING, if able!*

a. Emphasis on Word of God, Spirit of God, Love
in the heart, Melody in the heart--NOT--
Tone-perfect. On pitch. Timed right.
Good harmony. BUT, rather sing your BEST
from your H E A R T, in your heart to Father.

b. A poorly sung song, in worship to God, from
the heart is 1,000 times more acceptable than
a letter-perfect presentation which violates
the Will, Word and Desires of the Lord.

c. Two deductions: ~~No, three!~~

No sincere Christian advocates a POOR job in
singing, preaching, teaching or any other...

But, adding an undesirable instrument to the
worship IS NOT THE ANSWER. Abominable!

What about the poor singing some have? Ans:

Go to school? Learn! Improve! Have
special classes on singing. Singing schools
Song Revivals. Some study weekly is good.

★ Still, doing the Lord's Way poorly is far
better than doing the Devil's way perfectly.
Requirement: Give your best.

IV. HISTORICAL REASONS CAN ALSO BE GIVEN FOR OMISSION OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

1. When did ANY church in Christian era FIRST
introduce instrumental music into the worship?

Ans: American Enc. Vol. XII, page 688. "Pope
Vitalian is related to have introduced organs into some of the
churches of southern Europe first about 670 A. D., but the only
trustworthy account is that of the one sent as a present by the
Greek emperor, Constantine Copronymus, to Pepin, king of the
Franks in 775." *105 YRS. LATER!*

2. Valid questions: (dealing is historical reasons.)
 - a. If God wanted the instrument in church worship WHY did He not mention it in the N. T.? Blank!
 - b. If man can find some "loop-hole" permitting instrumental music in Christian worship, WHY did he wait 775 years to do so?
 - c. COMMENT: H. Johnson said: "The devotion to the Person of Christ that steers clear of the doctrines and precepts of Christ, is but sentimental rhapsody." MAN and the PLAN.
3. Valid conclusion: Devotion to the Person of Christ motivates one to closely adhere to all His divine DOCTRINES and PRECEPTS! John 14:15, 15:14.

No one tells us we are wrong to sing only so
V. IS THIS MATTER REALLY WORTHY OF THIS MUCH ATTENTION?

1. Question is: Is this matter really BIG enough to make a difference with God??? Ans. with 3 questions
 - a. Was fire substituted by Nadab and Abihu in tabernacle worship BIG enough to merit attention from God? Lev. 10:1-3. Death!
 - b. Uzzah's touching the Ark of Covenant BIG enough violation to disturb the Lord? II Sam. 6:6-7. Anger of Lord destroyed him.
 - c. Moses' striking of the rock the 2nd time enough to attract God's attention? Num. 20:12.

(VI. Reserve: Have not great Rel. leaders of the past all believed in and practiced Instrumental music worship?)

INV: I BELIEVE IT IS A SIN TO DISOBEY GOD IN ANY WAY. IJ.3:4.

1. A sin to worship WRONG. Rom. 6:23.
2. A sin to disobey God's will. I John 1:9. Erring.
3. A sin to put off obeying the gospel.
 Mark 16:15-16. James 4:17.

If subject to GOSPEL this morning come as stand and sing.